

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:290

ANSWERED ON:22.12.2003

AUGMENTATION OF WATER RESOURCES

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any long term scheme for augmentation of water resources in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith estimated cost involved therein;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to seek loan from the World Bank or any other foreign financial institution to implement the scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the response of the World Bank/Financial Institution thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF STARRED QUESTION No. 290 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 22.12.2003 REGARDING AUGMENTATION OF WATER RESOURCES.

(a) & (b) In order to meet the projected requirements of water for various purposes, the available water resources are proposed to be utilized through :

- (i) creation of additional storages i.e. about 75 billion cubic metre (BCM) with completion of water resources projects under construction;
- (ii) creation of additional storages i.e. about 132 BCM with implementation of water resources projects which are under planning & investigation;
- (iii) formulation of National Perspective Plan which have two components namely Peninsular Rivers Development and Himalayan Rivers Development; and
- (iv) adoption of measures for rainwater harvesting and ground water recharge.

The estimated cost of the projects under construction is Rs. 1,52,429 crore. The cost of the schemes under National Perspective Plan has been approximately estimated to be of the order of Rs. 5,60,000 crore.

(c) Loans from World Bank / Financial Institutions are sought for specific schemes after detailed examination of the same. At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for seeking loan from the World Bank or any other foreign financial institution for the schemes under National Perspective Plan.

(d) Does not arise.